Dinnington Town Fc

Sheffield Wednesday

Tuesday 31st July 2007 KO 7.00 pm

Programme 20p

Home Team Squad

PHIL RHODES
TOM OSBOURNE
BRAD ELAM
BEN DEARNS
ANDY SYKES CAPT
MATT GRIFFIN
JON WRAGG
MATT WRAGG
BEN ROSSER
SIMON MIRFIN
MICHAEL BLYTHAN
LIAM CARTLEDGE
LEE COULPY
KIERAN GALLAGHER
MATT SMITH
MATT HAIGH
MARK THOMPSON

Town's next games

Rotherham United
HOME 7/08/2007
7.00pm KO

Worsbrough Bridge
HOME 11/08/2007
3.00pm KO

Sheffield United
HOME 13/08/2007
7.30pm KO

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Away Team Squad

Arron Jameson G/K
Arron Pratt G/K
Arron Mulligan
Sam Liversidge
Matt Bowman
Todd Wood
Reid Fraser
Max Wragg
Jamie Hadfield
Nick Wood
Christian Derrick
Mukthar Mohammed
Leon Lekaj
Tom Connelly
Ashley Worsfold
Callum Harrison
Charlie Tunnard
Richard Stirrup

Todays match officials Referee Mr Danny Guest
Ass Ref Mr Mark Birkett (red flag) Ass Ref Mr Paul Canadine (yellow fla

We would like to welcome all our supporters to this game against Sheffield Wednesday the first of three high profile frendlies against League opposition, we hope the crowd will be swelled with Wednesdayites who will be hoping to see Wednesday Stars of the future.
Sheffield Wednesday and Dinnington have close links with coaching staff in Nev Burbeary, Richard Rose and Mark Lewis working for both Clubs. With coaches of this quality both clubs should succeed in the future.
We would like to thank Wednesday agreeing to this game after a successful October friendly, where both clubs found the game a useful exercise, that game finished in a 2-1 win for Wednesday. We hope this time we can turn the score line around for a Dinnington win.

Press Release

Town Welcome Big Three In Pre-Season
Dinnington Town host three of the biggest clubs in the area and make their debut in the oldest cup competition in the world in what promises to be an exciting start to the season.
Dinnington play cross-city rivals Sheffield Wednesday and Sheffield United and also entertain Rotherham United in a game where the proceeds go to charity.
And on Saturday 18th August, Town make their bow in the FA Cup, the first time the Phoenix Park club have ever been entered in the grand old competition.
Manager Steve Toyne said: "We are awaiting the draw for the FA Cup with great interest. It's a very exciting time for this football club."
The friendlies with the three Football League clubs are the only home dates the Northern Counties East League club have.
A Sheffield Wednesday XI visit Phoenix Park on Tuesday 31st July, kick-off 7pm.
Rotherham United are the visitors on Tuesday 7th August (7pm).
This match is in aid of charity with the proceeds split between Bluebell Wood and the Dinnington Resource Centre.
And a Sheffield United side travel to Dinnington on Monday 13th August (7.30pm), just two days after the NCEL Division One campaign kicks-off.
A delighted Toyne said: "Three home fixtures against three league clubs shows the strides we have made in recent years.
"It shows that we are a force in non-league football and not just a Sunday league team."

Sheffield Wednesday Honours

THE STADIUM

Wednesday's Hillsborough stadium has always been one of the best grounds in the country and, following investment in the infrastructure by former General Manager Eric Taylor, the ground was often chosen for Cup semi-finals and for some other top class fixtures.
The club was shocked however to share the blame for a tragic day in 1990 when 95 people lost their lives at the Liverpool-Nottingham Forest semi final. Blame for this disaster has always been a contentious issue and we will not dwell on it here. Save to say that major improvements to Hillsborough and other grounds in the country have followed that disaster and no similar incident should ever occur again.
Wednesday's ground was again chosen for prominence when it became one of the grounds to stage matches in the Euro 96 competition. Denmark played all of their games at Hillsborough, against Croatia, Portugal and Turkey.
With the addition of the Grandstand section in the south stand, the capacity now is around 40,000. Away fans get one of the best views that any away set of supporters can find in the country, occupying the upper tier of the West Stand.

HONOURS RECORD

Division 1 Champions	1902/3, 1903/4, 1928/9, 1929/30
Division 1 Runners up	1960/1
Division 2 Champions	1899/00, 1925/6, 1951/2, 1955/6, 1958/9
Division 2 Runners up	1949/50, 1983/4
Promoted from Div 2	1990/1
Promoted from Div 3	1979/80
FA Cup winners	1896, 1907, 1935
FA Cup Runners up	1890, 1966, 1993
League Cup Winners	1991
League Cup Runners up	1993

How it all started for Wednesday

The Wednesday Cricket Club had been in existence for nearly 50 years when they decided to create a football section to give them something to do over the long winter months. The momentous decision was made on Wednesday September 4th 1867 in the ubiquitous Adelphi Hotel - a Sheffield landmark that was knocked down to make way for the hideous Crucible Theatre. The Wednesday Cricket Club was one of the foremost clubs in the area and as such had a large membership which meant the football club was born with rock solid foundations.

On the 12th of October 1867 a group of footballers collected on a field at Highfield between Abbeydale Road and Bramall Lane (possibly on the site of Highfield Library. This was the first practice of the Wednesday Football Club. It was necessary because a week later Wednesday played their first competitive match in Norfolk Park against the Mechanics Club.

After a big win in their first match (by 4 goals and 3 rouges to nil) Wednesday suffered a couple of big losses including a severe drubbing by the Garrick club in Wednesday's first home match. The string of friendlies was broken by news of a competition to be contested by clubs who were no older than two years. This was only the second club football competition following the Youdan Cup, won by Hallam club the year before.

Four teams entered; Wellington, Exchange, Wednesday and Garrick. The strongest team was the Garrick club who were expected to win. Since Oliver Cromwell, the theatre proprietor and sponsor of the competition was a frequenter of the Garrick club it was thought that he had devised the competition in the hope that his club would be victorious.

In the semi-final round, Wednesday met the Exchange club on the Mackenzie club ground and cruised to a 4-0 win. Garrick meanwhile 'borrowed' seven players from Heeley club, one of the top local clubs and defeated Wellington to set up Wednesday's first match at Bramall Lane - set to be Wednesday's natural home until the building of Olive Grove twenty years in the future. The final attracted between 4 and 600 spectators to the Lane. This was a very different place to the current ground. The terraced housing had not yet completely surrounded the ground, which was still primarily a venue for cricket. The pitch would have been roped off and the only markings would be flags at each corner. The posts had no net and were set up for rouges.

The post layout was much as Aussie Rules. The inner posts were four yards apart, and if the ball passed through these and under the tape (which was 9 feet from the ground) a goal was given. If the ball passed through the outer posts, 4 yards distant from the inner posts, and was touched down by the attacking team (a la rugby) a rouge was scored. Rouges only counted if goals were equal.

The spectators at Bramall Lane that day saw a 90 minute match end in a 0-0 draw. What followed was the first competition decided by a 'Golden Goal'. After around 10 minutes of extra time a Garrick defender huffed a clearance skyward. The ball came down, deflected off a shoulder and through the central posts.

Wednesday had their first cup, which their captain, John Marsh, collected from Mr. Cromwell's Theatre Royal. After collecting the trophy the Wednesday players retired to the Adelphi Hotel, presumably to get pissed.

The second number in the for and against column refers to rouges.